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Large force to remain in gulf

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite the Pentagon's eagerness to reverse its troop buildup in the Persian Gulf, the White House has decided it is too soon to ease military pressure on Iraq.

"There is no change in our force posture in the region, nor likely will there be anytime in the immediate future," White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry told reporters on Thursday.

At a meeting Wednesday of President Clinton's chief national security advisers it was decided to keep the 38,000 U.S. forces in the Gulf — compared with roughly 20,000 that had been there before the buildup early this year — at least until the U.N. Security Council completes

its regular review of sanctions against Iraq, said an administration official speaking on condition of anonymity.

Iraq usually toughens its rhetoric against the sanctions during the U.N. review period. It stuck to that pattern Thursday, demanding that the Security Council end its economic embargo unconditionally. It also accused U.N. arms experts of spreading "fallacies and lies" about Iraq's weapons programs.

The Pentagon sent extra forces to the Gulf — including a second aircraft carrier and other warships, Army troops, and fighters and bombers — early this year after Iraq refused to open certain sites to U.N. weapons inspectors. The crisis was

defused in February, and while inspections have resumed unimpeded, U.N. officials say little real progress has been made. The U.S. military services are feeling a heavy strain from keeping the extra troops and supplies in the Gulf.

McCurry was asked by reporters whether Iraq remains at risk of a U.S. military strike. "We remain in a position to use the necessary means at our disposal to achieve the objectives of the international community," McCurry replied.

He said Iraq was far from meeting all of those objectives, including conclusive answers to questions about the size and scope of Iraq's chemical and biological weapons programs.

France denies officer foiled Karadzic capture

By Washington Post

PARIS — Faced with embarrassing disclosures about a French military officer's contacts in Bosnia with Bosnian Serb war-crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic, the French government Thursday denied "categorically" that the officer had compromised an allied plan to capture Karadzic.

The French presidential palace and Foreign Ministry maintained near-silence on the case, first reported in Thursday's Washington Post, offering a terse Defense Ministry communique as the official response of the French government.

The statement did not deny the report that the officer had met repeatedly with Karadzic, but it said only that "a French officer maintained various contacts consonant with his orders. As soon as the course of these contacts could have appeared questionable, this officer was immediately given a new assignment in France."

The Defense Ministry said the officer's actions "in no way jeopardized Radovan Karadzic's arrest." It repeated the French government's support for bringing Karadzic and all other indicted war crimes suspects from the 1992-95 Balkans conflict to justice at the U.N. criminal tribunal in The Hague. Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb political leader, and his former military chief Ratko Mladic are the most-wanted of the suspects still at large. A French Defense Ministry spokesman, Pierre Bayle, and his counterpart at the Foreign Ministry, Anne Gazeau-Secret, refused to elaborate on the statement or to provide any details about the French officer, whom they did not name.

Sources identified him as army Maj. Herve Gourmelon, the principal liaison officer to the Serbs inside the French military sector of Bosnia. Sources on Wednesday had given the spelling of his last name as Gourmilon.

King assassin James Earl Ray is dead at 70

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — For more than a year, James Earl Ray fought the government, popular opinion and his own failing body for a chance to prove he didn't kill the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Time ran out for Ray, but the debate survives.

Ray, 70, died Thursday of kidney failure and complications of liver disease that had repeatedly sent him to prison hospitals over the past 16 months.

As his health dwindled, Ray and his supporters increased their efforts to win him the trial he rejected when he pleaded guilty to gunning down the civil rights leader in Memphis 30 years ago this month. Even now, Attorney General Janet Reno is considering a request from King's family to create a commission to reinvestigate the slaying. The King family wants the commission to have the power to subpoena witnesses, grant immunity and file charges against suspected conspirators — just like prosecutors could have done had Ray stood trial.

Did father inject son with HIV?

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (AP) — The symptoms confused doctors for years, until the young boy, constantly ill, was finally diagnosed with AIDS.

There were no signs of hemophilia or sexual abuse and he had not been born with the deadly disease. But police say they have found the truth: the boy's father intentionally injected a syringe full of HIV-tainted blood into his 11-month-old son, apparently to avoid paying child support. Brian T. Stewart, a suspended hospital lab aid, pleaded innocent to first-degree assault Thursday and was held on \$500,000 bond. Prosecutors say the charges will be upgraded to murder if the child dies. "It's unimaginable to me that somebody could do this to their own child," St. Charles County Sheriff Douglas Saulters said. "It's something that's monstrous."

The boy's mother, whose identity has been withheld to protect the boy, was to discuss the case today.

"She'll be pleading for the right to go on with her life, for her children and for her son," says family spokeswoman Maggie Lipman of the St. Charles County Victims of Crime Assistance.

McCartney's death sparks debate on privacy, honesty

By Los Angeles Times

As authorities in Santa Barbara, Calif., verified Thursday that Linda McCartney did not die there as a family spokesman originally claimed, ethicists and public-relations specialists debated a troubling question that has grown out of the controversy: Is it acceptable for celebrities and public figures to lie in order to protect their privacy?

"This whole episode is really a glimpse into the clash between two very important moral principles — the notion of privacy and the notion of honesty, and what can happen when those conflict," said ethicist Michael Josephson, president of the Josephson Institute of Ethics on the west side of Los Angeles.

"As is so often the case, the lying here made it worse."

A new statement from a spokesman for Beatles legend Paul McCartney Thursday appeared to corroborate reports that Linda McCartney had died at a family ranch

in the Tucson, Ariz., area last Friday, despite the family's earlier claims that she was on vacation in Santa Barbara at the time.

"It was a decoy," family spokesman Geoff Baker admitted. "It was my decision. I said she had died in Santa Barbara, because if I had said where she died it would have been overrun straight away and they needed time, because of their grief, to come back (to England) in private."

"Morally, I have done nothing wrong, and legally I have done nothing wrong. I am just trying to keep this family together," he said. But the misstatements intended to insulate the McCartneys instead appeared to backfire. Media reports around the world in the last two days have revisited the circumstances of Linda McCartney's death from cancer, sparking speculation — denied by the family — that the 56-year-old former photographer may have died in an assisted suicide.

F-16 crashes in N.M., killing pilot

WHITE SANDS MIS-SILE RANGE, N.M. (AP) — A New Mexico Air National Guard F-16C fighter plane crashed into rugged terrain during a training mission, killing the pilot.

Two other pilots flying in the same training exercise Wednesday night saw the crash and a fireball.

"Immediately they tried to raise the pilot on the radio. There wasn't any response," Brig. Gen. Thomas Wittman said.

The \$25 million, single-seat plane crashed about 15 miles west of Carrizozo. A ground crew found the wreckage early Thursday and the remains of Lt.

Patrick Potter, 29, of Albuquerque. The cause of the crash was unknown and an Air Force team will investigate. The F-16 "Fighting Falcons" assigned to the Guard's 150th Fighter Wing routinely fly training missions over the southern New Mexico missile range.

NATO growth foes gain steam

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators opposed to expanding NATO claimed gains in strength Thursday but weren't ready to predict they could stop what Sen. Tom Harkin called "a steamroller coming through the Senate."

With debate due to resume Monday after a month-long pause, both sides were generally predicting Senate ratification of the military alliance's invitations to Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

Harkin, D-Iowa, one of nine senators who denounced the legislation at a bipartisan news conference, said it was hard to

persuade people expansion was bad because "everybody likes NATO" and feels expanding it "must be positive."

The Clinton administration disputed claims of gains by opponents.

Indeed, one official suggested a slight movement the other way, in favor of ratification.

The measure, a treaty modification, requires 67 votes, or two-thirds of the Senate. It does not go to the House.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization was set up in 1949 to confront the Soviet Union in Europe.

It now has 19 members.

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2 Lithuanians convicted of trying to sell missiles

MIAMI (AP) — Two Lithuanians were convicted Thursday of trying to sell 40 anti-aircraft missiles to Colombian drug runners.

The drug runners' Russian representatives were really federal agents running a sting.

Aleksandr Porgrebezskij and Alexander Darichev were convicted on three federal charges — one count each of conspiracy to commit arms smuggling, money laundering and conspiracy to commit money laundering — for arranging to sell the Bulgarian-made, surface-to-air missiles.

The Igla and Strela missiles — their names mean needle and arrow in Bulgarian — were supposed be sent to Miami by way of Puerto Rico, but none were ever delivered.

"It demonstrates an attempt to sell weapons of mass destruction to people who identified themselves as narcotics traffickers," said Assistant U.S.

Attorney Richard Gregorie. "Luckily for everybody, those narcotics traffickers were undercover agents."

The "Russian arms brokers" in Miami were really a Miami Beach Police detective and a United States Customs agent.

Prosecutors said the pair of Lithuanians also offered to eventually sell Bulgarian-made nuclear weapons during talks they held with undercover law officers from 1995 to 1997, when the two were arrested here.

Prosecutors read jurors transcripts of conversations with the Lithuanians, including one in which Darichev assures the agents that if one of the weapons was used to shoot down a civilian plane, it could not be traced back to the buyers.

Defense attorneys for the Lithuanians said they would appeal the case, saying prosecutors sensationalized the weapons themselves instead of trying the case on the evidence.

Mom may not meet nabbed kids

BOSTON (AP) — Barbara Kurth walked away from a bitter 1978 divorce with \$45,000 from her ex-husband — a boon for a former coat-check girl raising two little daughters on her own.

She would need it.

Ms. Kurth eventually would spend every dime of the award, and then some, trying to find the girls after they disappeared, allegedly snatched by her former husband during a weekend visit.

Nearly two decades later, a telephone tip led authorities to ex-husband Stephen Fagan, who was arrested last week. He is charged with kidnapping his daughters in Massachusetts, taking them to Florida and reinventing himself under an assumed name as a socialite.

But Ms. Kurth's now-grown daughters — who thought all these years that their mother had died in a car wreck — have so far displayed their affection for, and loyalty to, their father.

And Ms. Kurth fears the whole story has become a "media spectacle" that might keep her from ever being reunited with Wendy and Rachael, who were 2 and 5 when she lost them.

Back when the girls vanished, Ms. Kurth sought media attention, trying to get on TV talk shows to plead for help. She went to the police, too.

"She could get nowhere," said Kurth's 72-year-old mother, Constance. "Nobody would pay any attention to her."

Ms. Kurth, now 48, initially tried asking for help in Florida, where Fagan had family.

Lawyers 'death pool' probe ordered

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Gov. Lawton Chiles asked Thursday for an investigation into allegations that an attorney paid to represent death row inmates began a "death pool," asking for \$5 wagers on whether inmates would live or die.

"The governor is very concerned about these reports," said April Herrle, the governor's communi-

cations director. "If they are true, this was outrageous conduct and it deserves a full review."

Chiles asked for investigations by the Tampa office of the Florida Bar Association and the Commission on Administration and Justice on Capital Cases, an oversight board for the Capital Collateral Regional Counsel, which

defends inmates facing the death penalty. The pool was said to have started in the Tampa office of Capital Collateral, but the office's chief assistant said the pool never happened. "There was never any money collected, no money was mentioned, no money exchanged hands," Chief Assistant Mike Reiter said.

Hubbell got \$700,000 for little or no work

By Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Webster L. Hubbell received more than \$700,000, most of it from friends of President Clinton and Democratic Party supporters, at a time when he was under pressure from independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr to provide information about Clinton in the Whitewater investigation, congressional investigators have determined. That amount is at least \$200,000 greater than

what has previously been known about Hubbell's income after leaving his post as associate attorney general amid accusations that he had defrauded his former clients and partners at the Little Rock, Ark., law firm where he worked with Hillary Rodham Clinton. Hubbell served an 18-month federal sentence after pleading guilty in late 1994 to tax evasion and mail fraud. In addition to turning up more payments to Hubbell, the House Govern-

ment Reform and Oversight Committee found new details about them, including evidence that Hubbell received money for his daughter's college tuition from the head of the Indonesian conglomerate the Lippo Group and offered to secure a government appointment for another client even after his conviction. Hubbell faces the possibility that Starr will bring new tax and fraud charges against him relating to the funds.

'Daughters to work day' is given praise by girls

By New York Times

MIAMI — For as long as she can remember, Bryn Harrison, whose mother is a music teacher, was dead set on also becoming a teacher. That goal worried her father, who looked at her good math scores and thought she was "kind of narrow-minded" in her aspirations.

So five years ago, when Bryn was 10, Alan Harrison made her wear a hard hat, ear plugs and goggles and took her to the Florida Power & Light power plant near Fort Lauderdale, where he worked as a foreman. She toured the boiler room and heard about valves and hard-pressure steam, saw engineers and divers work as a team, and for the first time noticed "the company idea — all the fields you can go into."

Now 15 and a 10th-grader, Bryn said she is toying with the idea of pursuing a career in engineering or "something doing with business."

As millions of girls 9 to 15 years of age invaded workplaces all across the country Thursday on Take Our Daughters to Work Day, many of the participants over the last five years say the experience has made an impression that helped them pick a career or reconsider career choices, and become more ambitious.

Most, of course, are still young enough to be able to change their minds several times before high school graduation. But many girls say their brief incursion into the working world has opened their eyes to a bigger view of what they want to do in life.

"I realized that there are so many advantages women now have that they don't have to limit their choices," said Bryn, who lives about 20 miles north of here in Plantation. "They can do welding if they want."

Now in its sixth year, Take Our Daughters to Work Day allows millions of girls around the country to tag along with adults and get a first-hand look into their work day and the career opportunities these workers represent.

The event was conceived in 1993 by the Ms. Foundation for Women to build self-esteem in girls at an age when some researchers have found their confidence eroding as they often begin deferring to boys.

Thursday's events included girls sitting in boardrooms across the country, roaming the nation's Capitol, joining movie sets in Los Angeles and creating web sites on the Internet, and observing surgery in Chicago.

Trooper rape victim was paid off

BOSTON (AP) — State police paid a female trooper \$290,000 last month to keep her from suing over her claim that she was raped by a male colleague at the Statehouse, The Boston Globe reported today.

The woman and state

police commanders agreed to keep the payment secret, but word leaked out, according to the Globe, which said it heard of it from unidentified sources.

State police spokesman Capt. Robert Bird confirmed there was a settle-

ment, but would not give details.

"It was settled because she was the victim of a hostile work environment," he said. The female trooper and the accused male trooper were on duty at the time of the alleged rape two years ago.

Anti-terrorism agency needed, lawmakers say

WASHINGTON (AP) — No single government agency is in charge of fighting terrorists in America, and there's a move in Congress to fill the void before they strike again.

"I hope this is all academic, but I'm afraid it won't be," said Missouri Rep. Ike Skelton, the House National Security Committee's ranking Democrat.

He urged lawmakers Thursday to order the agencies involved — 43 in all — to develop government-wide priorities, create a chain of command and get training and equipment to local law enforcement agencies.

"There's a great uncertainty as to who's in charge, who coordinates it, who offers people to the scene and who works on preventing it," Skelton said. "I think it's going to be a year before you have any answer."

Congress has been quick to create and fund new programs but has not followed up to monitor their effectiveness, said Rep. Dennis Hastert, chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight subcommittee on national security. "The results have been a predictable explosion in bureaucracy and a noticeable failure to successfully prioritize and coordinate our efforts," Hastert, R-Ill., said during a hearing on the issue. A report ordered by Skelton and Hastert pointed to the lack of oversight. Congress in 1996 authorized training for emergency response personnel in 120 of the biggest American cities.

Dreamers encouraged to call hotline for decoding

WINDYVILLE, Mo. (AP) — It was the greatest dream of all time, right? Vivid, funny, insightful. It was even in color. Too bad you can't remember a bit of it now.

Next time, call the professionals.

Dreamologists at the School of Metaphysics — on 1,500 acres of peaceful, rolling hills above this tiny Ozarks hamlet — will hold their 10th annual Nation-

al Dream Hotline event this weekend.

Remembering what you dream, deciphering it and understanding it could help you become a better person, said Daniel Condron, chancellor of the school and a dream specialist for more than 20 years.

The newly awake or just curious are encouraged to call the school's Windyville headquarters — or one of its 14 satellite campuses throughout the Mid-

west — and describe their wildest, weirdest or maybe just their most entertaining dreams.

Faculty members will try and decode the meaning behind the Sandman's visit. The hotline is open until midnight Sunday.

Every dream has a meaning, Condron said. You just have to know what your subconscious is trying to tell you.

More defiance by Saddam feared

By Financial Times

LONDON — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is likely to challenge United Nations weapons inspectors again and dare the U.S. and Britain to attack him despite his deal with U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan last month, a leading think-tank warned Thursday.

According to the International Institute of Strategic Studies, Saddam has the initiative in his confrontation with the U.N. despite its threat that he would suffer the "severest consequences" if he obstructed attempts to track down his banned chemical and biological weapons.

Unveiling its annual strategic survey, the IISS argues that Saddam may have seen his agreement with Annan as "proof of U.S. and British reluctance" to use

force because of their difficulty in rallying regional or international support.

"In the longer term," it warns, "there is now the disturbing prospect that Saddam Hussein will emerge on the other side of the sanctions regime armed with some of the weapons he devoted such massive resources to developing and for the concealment of which Iraq has had to pay such a high price."

Using sanctions and the threat of force to contain Iraq has destabilized domestic politics in the region and undermined vital support for the U.S., the report argues: "No Arab regime was keen to support military force that would have an uncertain effect, only to pay the price of more domestic dissent, especially from Islamic radicals."

The report says the U.S. must link its Gulf policy with the stalled Arab-Israeli peace process, with expectations high before next month's meeting in London between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Washington, the IISS warns, must ignore early signals by Israel that it will reject U.S. proposals for the next stage of its withdrawal from the West Bank. "If the U.S. allows itself to be put off ... it will have lost much of its remaining credibility in the region. Patience in diplomacy is a virtue, but carried to extremes can turn into a vice. There comes a time to act and, to avert the consequences that would follow a complete collapse of the talks, now is the time."

Sailor may have taken his own life

By Stars and Stripes

NAS SIGONELLA, Sicily — A Sigonella sailor who died April 17 after his vehicle crashed into a tree recently had undergone mental health tests to determine whether he was in danger of harming himself, a military official said.

Petty Officer 1st Class David G. Gutekunst, 41, "had demonstrated, in the past, a willingness to do himself harm," said the official who asked not to be identified in the newspaper.

As a result, base officials put Gutekunst on "liberty risk," a status that kept him confined to Sigonella's support base but did not involve constant observation.

He was put on this status a week before his death. The official would not elaborate on the incident that prompted the move.

The official added that following an incident in which he demonstrated suicidal tendencies, Gutekunst was taken to Naval Hospital Sigonella and given a mental health evaluation to determine whether he was suicidal.

Iraq demands lifting of United Nations sanctions

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Iraq demanded Thursday that the United Nations end its crippling trade embargo, accusing U.N. arms inspectors of spreading "fallacies and lies" about its weapons program.

In Washington, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the Clinton administration has "seen insufficient grounds" to lift the sanctions and said Iraq must comply "with a whole host" of requirements before the embargo

is removed.

Bill Richardson, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, predicted Iraq and its supporters would mount an effort to lift the sanctions when the Security Council holds its six-month review of Iraqi sanctions Monday.

"We will oppose it on the grounds that they're not fully complying with Security Council resolutions," Richardson told a House committee, saying the United States would also oppose any efforts to

weaken the resolution's disarmament provisions.

U.N. diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Russia may offer a resolution to effectively declare Iraq had complied with U.N. orders to dismantle its nuclear weapons program.

The Monday review will be the first since U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan signed an agreement with the Iraqis in February to allow inspectors to visit Saddam's eight presidential compounds.

Ten hostages are freed in Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Eight Red Cross workers and two pilots held hostage for 10 days in Somalia were freed Friday, despite last-minute bickering among their kidnappers.

The nine men and one woman were hustled into a jeep at 8:20 a.m. (0520 GMT) and driven at high speed to a Red Cross hospital in northern Mogadishu, where they hugged each other in jubilation.

The captives included a naturalized American Somali, two Swiss, a Norwe-

gian, a German, a Belgian, a French nurse and a Somali.

The pilots are Kenyan and South African.

They were escorted by a Red Cross negotiator who settled last-minute objections to the release from some of the kidnappers.

In Nairobi, the families of the freed hostages were waiting for their loved ones to return from Mogadishu later in the day, said a Red Cross spokesman, who refused to be named.

Springer, not guests, are now under attack

CHICAGO (AP) — All of a sudden, it's Jerry Springer who's taking the hits, not the guests on his fists-flying talk show.

Rolling Stone magazine and a TV entertainment show are reporting that the fights are about as real as a pro wrestling match, a charge the show denies. And the NBC station that brought Springer to the big leagues has scraped the show off the bottom of its corporate shoes amid rising criticism that it has degenerated into a pornographic slugfest.

But Springer has a history of profiting from sleaze.

And as media watchers doubted that his top-rated daytime talk show will suffer from the allegations, Chicagoans braced for a double dose of "The Jerry Springer Show" on a new station.

"Nobody ever lost any money underestimating people's taste," said Christopher Sterling, a George Washington University media scholar.

The show "is like wrestling," Sterling said.

"The whole thing is a put-up job."

On Thursday, Chicago's WFLD-TV, owned by the Fox Broadcasting Co.,

quickly snatched up the syndicated show in a multiyear deal that will air it not once, but twice daily.

A day earlier WMAQ-TV said it was ending its contract with Springer, whose profile the NBC station tried to raise a year earlier in a brief but disastrous stint as a news commentator.

The WMAQ announcement came just hours before the syndicated show "Extra" was scheduled to air a report saying that many of Springer's fights are staged and guests are coached. On Friday, Rolling Stone hits the newsstands with similar allegations.

Show spokesman Jim Benson denied the allegations and said the show has "strict production guidelines and policies."

But Springer, who generally detaches himself from the show's preparations, said he tended to think the allegations were correct.

"If they are right, then obviously the producers did something totally wrong, against our policy, and we'll deal with it," he said at a New York speaking engagement Thursday.

Springer said people are told not to fight, but that they are told to perform and, if it's a contentious issue, to get in someone's face.

**Faces
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'Ellen' is canceled by network

By Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — In an anticipated move that has nevertheless disappointed some gay-rights activists, ABC has canceled "Ellen," a program that became a national bellwether for public acceptance of homosexuals as prime-time television's first series featuring an openly gay lead character.

Producers of the show and its star, Ellen DeGeneres, learned of the decision late Wednesday. An ABC spokesman confirmed the program would not return for a sixth season but declined further comment. "We all knew it was coming," said executive producer Tim Doyle. "I just thought the timing was weird, because they had always told us they wouldn't make a decision until the schedule (for next season) was set in May."

The "coming out" of the character played by DeGeneres spurred widespread public debate when broadcast a year ago, while leading to renewed charges that the entertainment industry doesn't reflect traditional values.

Silly String banned in New Jersey town

RIDGEWOOD, N.J. (AP) — Silly String is on the ropes in this upscale town.

A man who played Smokey Bear in the Fourth of July parade complained that the sticky stuff nearly ruined his costume. He told the council that children along the parade route fired a salvo of Silly String, which left colored plastic clumps stubbornly stuck to his fur.

So the Village Council on April 14 enacted a law banning the plastic aerosol string in public.

"There is no need to mar the season with Silly String," Mayor Patrick Mancuso told The Record of Hackensack for today's editions.

In The Stars and Stripes

10 YEARS AGO

April 24, 1988 — A truck packed with explosives blew up in a crowded outdoor market in the Syrian-controlled city of Tripoli, Lebanon, killing 54 people and wounding 125 in one of the bloodiest terrorist attacks in Lebanon's 13-year cycle of violence.

20 YEARS AGO

April 24, 1978 — Supreme commander of NATO forces Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr. Said the Soviet Union, which had long outstripped NATO in conventional forces in Europe, had closed the gap in the strategic nuclear area as well.

30 YEARS AGO

April 24, 1968 — A former French intelligence officer charged President Charles de Gaulle with ignoring evidence in 1962 that Soviet spies had penetrated the top echelons of his government and NATO headquarters.

40 YEARS AGO

April 24, 1958 — Soviet and Kremlin supporters walked out of the Yugoslav party congress rather than listen to the most blistering pro-Tito attack on their brand of communism in four years.

50 YEARS AGO

April 24, 1948 — Britain rejected new Soviet proposals that the Soviet Union control air traffic in the corridors to Berlin without four-power approval.

Padres off to best start ever

By Associated Press

Although they're off to their best start ever and have the best record in baseball, the San Diego Padres aren't getting a swelled head.

"By no means are we going to get too high. By no means are we thinking we're the best team," Andy Ashby said Thursday after pitching eight scoreless innings in San Diego's 4-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs. "We've just got to go out and keep playing."

Ken Caminiti homered for the Padres, who improved to 16-4 and remained unbeaten in seven series this season.

"We're having a good run," manager Bruce Bochy said.

Once again, Caminiti played with pain. The third baseman has a strained back that makes it difficult for him to throw, and he's also been bothered by an ingrown toenail.

"He's got the highest pain threshold of anyone I know," Bochy said. "There are days when you question whether you should put him in the



AP

Atlanta's Tom Glavine fires a pitch to the plate.

lineup and he goes out and has a great day."

Ashby (3-1) allowed seven hits, struck out four and walked one for the Padres, who took two of three games from the Cubs.

"We've had a couple lackluster efforts on offense the last couple games," Chicago's Mark Grace said. "We've got to pick it up, and when it hap-

pens, it's going to be fun. Nobody likes losing when you score one, two runs."

In other NL games, it was Pittsburgh 7, San Francisco 0; Milwaukee 2, Los Angeles 1; Montreal 5, St. Louis 2; Colorado 4, Florida 3; Philadelphia 6, Cincinnati 3; and Atlanta 3, Arizona 1.

Braves 3, Arizona 1

Tom Glavine improved to 3-

0 and Andres Galarraga snapped an 0-for-11 slump with a 415-foot homer for Atlanta.

Glavine, who leads the majors with a 1.00 ERA, pitched seven strong innings to help the Braves win their third straight and eighth in nine games. He allowed one run on six hits, walked three and struck out five. Kerry Ligtenberg pitched the eighth, and Mark Wohlers struck out the side in the ninth for his sixth save in six chances.

Glavine gave up his first earned run in 21 innings when Matt Williams doubled and scored on Travis Lee's single in the sixth inning.

to pull visiting Arizona to a 2-1 deficit. Atlanta made it 3-1 in the bottom of the sixth when Galarraga hit his eighth homer of the season, off Willie Blair (0-4).

Brewers 2, Dodgers 1

Marquis Grissom hit a tiebreaking homer off Hideo Nomo in the seventh inning as Milwaukee beat visiting Los Angeles.

Nomo (1-3), coming off the shortest start of his career, lost despite pitching a three-hitter. Grissom had two hits.

Tribe edges Chicago; Tampa routs Texas

CLEVELAND (AP) — Wil Cordero homered on the first pitch of his comeback, but pinch-hitter Jeff Branson hit a two-run triple in the eighth inning as the Cleveland Indians came back to beat the Chicago White Sox 5-4 Thursday night.

Batting for Shawon Dunston with runners at first and third and no outs, Branson lined a shot off the top of the right-field wall against Bill Simas for his first RBIs of the season.

Travis Fryman led off the eighth with a walk against Carlos Castillo (0-2). Brian Giles singled, and Simas came into a tough situation a day after being called up from the minors with Cordero.

Eric Plunk (2-1) pitched 1 2-3 innings

for the victory, and Mike Jackson pitched the ninth for his major league-leading eighth save.



Cordero, returning to the majors after pleading guilty to beating his wife, pulled the first pitch from Jaret Wright for a 341-foot homer to left in the second. Batting sixth and playing first base, he dropped a popup on the pitcher's mound for an error on his first chance in the bottom of the inning.

Devil Rays 12, Rangers 5

In Arlington, Texas, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays became the winningest expansion team in April as Mike Kelly

homered twice and Jason Johnson earned his first major league victory against Texas.

Tampa Bay improved to 11-8, beating the old record of 10 by the 1977 Toronto Blue Jays and the 1993 Florida Marlins. The Devil Rays still have seven games left in April.

Johnson (1-0), making his first big league start and his initial Tampa Bay appearance, blanked the Rangers on three singles until leaving in the sixth.

Bobby Smith homered, doubled twice and drove in three runs for Tampa Bay. Kelly, who had his first two-homer game in the majors, and Miguel Cairo also had three RBIs for the Devil Rays.

Canadiens nip Penguins in OT

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Amid the unpredictable chain of events that occur each spring in playoff hockey, there usually are two certainties: Pittsburgh will lose any series opener; Montreal will win any overtime game.

Despite 78 minutes and 43 seconds of often unpredictable play, an overtime penalty shot and a strategic gamble by Montreal, tradition stood firm.

The Canadiens withstood Stu Barnes' tying goal late in the third period and a missed overtime penalty shot to beat the Penguins 3-2 Thursday night in their Eastern Conference series opener. Game 2 will be Saturday night.

Benoit Brunet won it with a slap shot at

18:43 of the extra period, assuring the Canadiens an NHL record 14th consecutive overtime playoff victory.

But they wouldn't have won if Penguins rookie Alexei Morozov's backhand hadn't clanged off the right post 1:44 into overtime. It was only the third playoff penalty shot — and second miss — in Penguins history.

Now, the Penguins are fighting history again; they've won only twice in the last six series in which they lost Game 1.

"That's a tough, tough way to lose," Barnes said after Pittsburgh lost for the seventh time in its last nine playoff series

openers. "To play that well and not win is tough."

Blues 8, Kings 3

At St. Louis, Geoff Courtnall had a goal and five assists for a team-record six points. Besides breaking the points record by one, he also tied the franchise assist record set by Doug Gilmour in 1986 against Minnesota.

Mario Lemieux was the last player with six points in a postseason game. He did it in Pittsburgh's 6-4 victory over Washington on April 23, 1992.

Jim Campbell, Pierre Turgeon and Pavol Demitra each scored twice, and Brett Hull had a goal and three assists for the Blues.



Jazz, Suns lose home playoff openers

By Associated Press

One night into the NBA playoffs, and two things are already clearer today than they were 24 hours ago: The Utah Jazz might not be such a lock, and Tim Duncan might be even better than his reviews.

The Jazz put on a sloppy, dispirited performance before their home fans and actually heard a few boos as they were trounced 103-90 by the aging Houston Rockets on Thursday night.

"This whole thing about Houston being old and being hurt, we swallowed that hook

all the way down to the gills," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "They outcoached us, outplayed us, and they deserved to win."

Duncan, meanwhile, was an unstoppable force in the fourth quarter as he scored 18 of his 32 points in San Antonio's 102-96 victory at Phoenix.

In the two other games, the home team won as Indiana crushed Cleveland 106-77 and Charlotte beat Atlanta 97-87.

Four more first-round open-

ers are scheduled for tonight as New York visits Miami, New Jersey visits Chicago, Minnesota is at Seattle and Portland visits the Los Angeles Lakers.

On a night when Glen Rice and Steve Smith engaged in a shootout, the Pacers gave the Cavs a lesson in postseason intensity, and Duncan showed why he'll be the runaway rookie of the year, the biggest surprise was the performance — if you want to call it that — put on by the Jazz.

Utah started slowly, fell steadily behind and was down 21 entering the fourth. The

Jazz closed within eight midway through the fourth, but Greg Ostertag missed two free throws, Clyde Drexler scored at the other end and the comeback was over.

"I felt insulted by the way the so-called experts were predicting a sweep," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "Our guys responded tremendously."

Clyde Drexler, playing in the postseason for the final time in his career as he nears retirement, scored 22 points, including 15 in the second half. Kevin Willis added 18 points and 14 rebounds.



Jordan: Nothing on the future decided

DEERFIELD, ILL. (AP) — Will he be back? Michael Jordan swore again Thursday that he doesn't know.

Are the Bulls breaking up? Maybe, but Jordan claims there's no guarantee they won't all be back, either.

Jordan insisted he's sticking with his season-long pledge to play next year only if Phil Jackson returns as coach.

But then, with some introspection and a bit of contradiction, he added he still holds the option of playing for a new guy, should Jackson leave.

"I can choose to take a step back

and say: 'Hey if I want to play for whoever they want to come in, if I really want to play, I can play for whoever.'

So I can chose to do that," Jordan said, standing before a battery of cameras and microphones on the day before the Bulls open the playoffs against New Jersey.

"Or else to say, 'I don't want to play for whoever you bring in.'

That sounds like a choice for me. I haven't chosen yet."

All along, Jordan has linked his future to Jackson, the coach with whom

he's won five titles.

Jackson is calling the playoffs the Bulls' "last dance."

"No one has definitely said that Phil is not going to be here or he doesn't have a contract or he does have a contract; there is so much in the air," Jordan said.

"Scottie Pippen is still in a Chicago Bulls uniform, I'm still in a Chicago Bulls uniform and Phil is still the coach, so anything is possible."

The Bulls have been locked in a season-long soap opera, overshadowing their chase of another title.